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(Attention: Sharon A. Gibson, Tech. Cen. 2800)

Subject: Status of Revived Loxley Application No. 09/490,162  
and Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.312

Dear Ms. Gibson:

This letter relates to a matter that is important, if not imperative, and is believed to be worthy of immediate consideration. Applicant has for some reason failed to receive any response to his correspondence in this case. The unusual inaction by the Patent office is odd, perplexing and seemingly inexplicable, perhaps an aberration requiring early corrective action.

Enclosed are copies of return postcards bearing the stamp of the PTO and a status letter received in the mail room on March 11, 2005 as evidenced by the postcard.

An amendment after allowance under 37 CFR 1.312 was received by the PTO on December 27, 2004 (see postcard) but may have been misplaced or not considered. An early action on that amendment would seem to be in order, but there has been no action or communication regarding it.

This case was previously found to be abandoned. A petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment was granted last year in a decision by Hien H. Phan that restored the application to pending status.

Counsel for applicant needs to know what happened to the Rule 312 amendment and why he has received no reply to his status letters.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter if you need more time to consider the matter.

Very truly yours,

*Vincent A. Greene*

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ted A. Loxley  
Serial No. : 09/490,162 Art Unit: 2812  
Filed : January 22, 2000  
For : PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR  
CLEANING SILICON WAFERS  
Examiner : Viktor Simkovic - Technology Center 2800  
Docket No. : 104

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Status Letter

Sir:

Counsel for applicant recently filed an amendment in this case under 37 CFR 1.312, expecting an early response. The usual return postcard was stamped by the PTO and indicates the amendment was received on December 27, 2004. Counsel is certain that no response was received. If it was mailed, please send another copy as soon as possible. It could possibly have been addressed incorrectly, if not lost. If a response was not prepared, please indicate when an action can be expected.

Attention is directed to the earlier status letter that was accompanied by a copy of the successful petition restoring this application to pending status. The stamped return postcard indicates that such letter was received by the PTO on November 23, 2004. The decision of Hien Phan on that petition indicated

that an allowance would be in order (assuming that no good reason is found for reopening the prosecution).

Information as to the status of this case and the aforesaid amendment under Rule 312 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

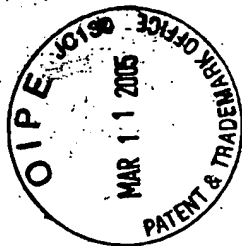
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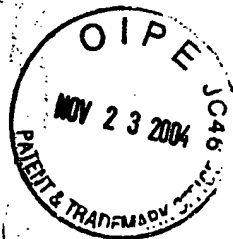
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November 19, 2004

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